

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5 and 7 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to even more clearly distinguish over the applied reference.

Examiners Pilkington and Ridley are thanked for the courtesies extended to Applicants' undersigned representative during the November 14 personal interview. The substance of the interview is incorporated in the following remarks.

The Amendment After Final Rejection was discussed during the interview, and it was agreed that, subject to the additional amendments made herein to claim 1, the rejections set forth in the July 12, 2006 Final Rejection have been overcome.

The Examiner mentioned U.S. Patent No. 2,679,170, identified in the attached Information Disclosure Statement, during the interview. It was agreed that the above amendments patentably distinguish the claims from this patent as well as from U.S. Patent No. 4,635,489 to Imamura et al., relied upon in the previous rejections. None of the references discloses or suggests the claim 1 combination including a shock absorbing device having a plurality of first friction plates all of which are provided stationarily relative to each other and to the housing, and a plurality of second friction plates all of which are provided stationarily relative to each other and to the internal gear.

Consideration and allowance in due course are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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